GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

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TUBERCULOSIS TREATMENT FOR BEEDI WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government are aware that there is no facility of tuberculosis treatment and major surgical operation due to absence of any anesthetists and sufficient number of GDM Officers and Staff in Central Hospital for Beedi Workers in West Bengal; and

(b) If so, the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): Diagnostic facilities for TB are available in Central Hospital Dhuliyan. Pathological tests and X-rays required for diagnosis of TB is provided to the OPD patients. Central Hospital Dhuliyan has been covered under the net work of Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP) from October, 2002 under which a Microscopy Centre has been established in the hospital campus. The patients are also entitled for bed charges, cost of medicine, to & fro journey expenses and Subsistence Allowances in case of indoor treatment in State Government hospital.

Anesthetist was posted at Dhuliyan but he did not join, so efforts are being made to engage an anesthetist locally.